

REMARKS

The Examiner requests that Applicants select one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

Group I - Claims 1 and 3-5, drawn to an EVA based film composition, classified in class 521, subclass 82.

Group II - Claims 2 and 3-5, drawn to an EVA and ethylene copolymers, classified in class 521, subclass 62.

Group III - Claims 6-23, drawn to a method for manufacturing a shoe component, classified in class 264, subclass 41.

Group IV - Claims 24-27, drawn to a shoe component, classified in class 36, subclass 25R.

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicants have elected Group III (Claims 6-23) in the above-identified application for examination.

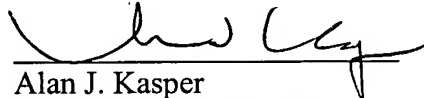
The election is made without traverse. However, Applicants reserve all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected groups of claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Response to Restriction Requirement
Application No. 10/602,893

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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